

Animal Health Act 1981
The Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980

General licence to import rodent and lagomorph embryos, ova and semen to and from a research establishment into Great Britain (IMP/GEN/2024/11)

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this licence issued under the terms of Article 4 of the Importation of Embryos, Ova and Semen Order 1980, authorises the landing in Great Britain of:

Rodent and lagomorph embryos, ova and semen to and from a research establishment in accordance with the conditions set out below.

Originating from:

Any country

In accordance with the conditions set out below.

Official stamp



Signature:

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Issued by:

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Date:

13/06/2024

Animal and Plant Health Agency.

Authorised by the Secretary of State and acting on behalf of the Scottish Ministers and the Welsh Ministers.

DATA PROTECTION

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Conditions attached to the import licence for the importation into Great Britain of embryos, ova or semen to a research establishment

Health Status/Biosecurity of the Donor Colony

1. In the six months preceding the collection of the embryos/ova/semen the donor animals must not have been vaccinated against rabies with a live rabies vaccine.

Supplementary Certification

2. The embryos, ova or semen must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the responsible veterinary or medical advisor or other appropriately qualified responsible person of the originating research establishment stating that:

- prior to embryos/ova/semen harvest, donors have been in the research establishment for not less than 15 days
- the donor colony has been closed for not less than 15 days or the donor animals have been caged separately or isolated for a period of 15 days from any new introductions
- there has been no suspicion of rabies nor have any cases been confirmed in the research establishment during the 12-month period immediately prior to the date of collection
- **either:** no experiments with a rabies or rabies related virus have been carried out in the colony during the 12-month period immediately prior to the date of collection
- **or:** no experiments with rabies or rabies related virus have been carried in the colony during the 12-month period immediately prior to the date of collection: except for the 'SAD- deltaG-EGFP-(envA)' viral vector

Transportation to Great Britain

3. The destination research establishment must be licensed under The Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 by the Home Office.

4. The primary containers used in collection, storage and transport of the embryos/ova/semen for export to Great Britain must be appropriately cleansed and disinfected before use.

5. The batch and the container(s) used for its importation must be indelibly marked or otherwise identified sufficient to provide an audit trail of the consignment.

6. The consignment of embryos, ova or semen shall be transported in a tamper-evident outer container sealed in the presence of the responsible veterinary or medical supervisor or other appropriately qualified responsible person.

7. Consignments may only be imported into Great Britain through an approved border control post (BCP). In case of consignments coming from the Republic of Ireland which satisfy the requirements in Regulation 19(1)(a) or (b), as modified by paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011, such consignments may only be imported into Great Britain through an approved BCP or through Heysham. All consignments must undergo a veterinary check in accordance with the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011, the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011 and The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

8. If the transport medium used contains products of animal origin, it must be autoclaved and/or incinerated on completion of the work.

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9. Importers must retain the certification as required in section 2 for a period of not less than six months after work on the embryos/ova/semen has been completed. These records should be available for inspection.

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